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SUBJECT: SPECIALTY STEEL IMPORT RELIEF PROGRAM AND THE
BEARING STEEL PROBLEM -- PRESIDENT TERMINATES BEARING STEEL
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REF: (A) STATE 283076, MOVEMBER 18, 1976 (B) STATE 40706
(C) STATE 119264

1. IN REFTTEL (A) WE ADVISED THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD
ESTABLISHED A SEPARATE QUOTA FOR BEARING STEEL (ALLOY TOOL
STEEL PROVIDED FOR IN ITEM 923.25 OF THE TARIFF SCHEDULES

OF THE UNITED STATES) TO PERMIT ITS CONTINUED IMPORTATION UNTIL SUCH STEEL COULD BE PERMANENTLY EXCLUDED FROM THE SPECIALTY STEEL IMPORT RELIEF PROGRAM AND, IN REFTEL (B), THAT THE UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION (USITC), AFTER CONDUCTING A SPECIAL INVESTIGATION UNDER SECTION 203 (EYE)(2) OF THE TRADE ACT OF 1974, HAD REPORTED TO THE PRESIDENT THAT THE EXCLUSION OF BEARING STEEL FROM THE IMPORT RELIEF PROGRAM WOULD HAVE A NEGLIGIBLE EFFECT ON THE DOMESTIC INDUSTRY PRODUCING SUCH STEEL.

2. ON JUNE 15, THE PRESIDENT, ACTING UNDER SECTION 203(H)

(4) OF THE TRADE ACT AND AFTER TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE ADVICE RECEIVED FROM THE USITC AND THE SECRETARIES OF COMMERCE AND LABOR, DETERMINED THAT THE EXCLUSION OF BEARING STEEL WOULD BE IN THE NATIONAL INTEREST AND ISSUED PROCLAMATION 4509, EFFECTIVE JUNE 17, REMOVING SUCH STEEL FROM THE IMPORT RELIEF PROGRAM.

3. THE QUANTITATIVE LIMITATIONS AND COUNTRY ALLOCATIONS FOR ALLOY TOOL STEEL (OTHER THAN BEARING STEEL) ESTABLISHED BY PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION 4415 OF JUNE 11, 1976, CONTINUE IN EFFECT WITHOUT CHANGE.

4. COPY OF PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION 4509 OF JUNE 15, 1977, REMOVING BEARING STEEL FROM THE IMPORT RELIEF UNCLASSIFIED

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PROGRAM AIRPOUCHED.

5. IN A SEPARATE ACTION AND IN RESPONSE TO THE PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE OF MAY 20 REPORTED IN REFTEL (C), THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR TRADE NEGOTIATIONS HAS REQUESTED THE ADVICE OF THE SECRETARIES OF COMMERCE AND LABOR AND THE ADVICE OF THE USITC REGARDING THE PROBABLE ECONOMIC EFFECT ON THE DOMESTIC INDUSTRY OF REDUCING OR TERMINATING THE QUANTITATIVE LIMITATIONS APPLYING TO THE FIVE CATEGORIES OF SPECIALTY STEEL PRODUCTS (I.E. STAINLESS STEEL SHEET, PLATES, BARS, RODS AND ALLOY TOOL STEEL) STILL INCLUDED IN THE IMPORT RELIEF PROGRAM. THE USITC, FOR ITS PART, ON JUNE 17 INSTITUTED AN INVESTIGATION UNDER SECTION 203 (EYE)(2) OF THE TRADE ACT FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEVELOPING THE INFORMATION REQUIRED TO MAKE SUCH A DETERMINATION. THE COMMISSION HAS ANNOUNCED THAT IT WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON AUGUST 23 TO OBTAIN THE VIEWS OF INTERESTED PARTIES. AFTER RECEIVING THE RESPONSES OF THE USITC AND THE SECRETARIES OF COMMERCE AND LABOR THE PRESIDENT WILL CONSIDER WHETHER TO INCREASE OR TERMINATE ANY OF THE REMAINING SPECIALTY STEEL QUOTAS. CHRISTOPHER

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